

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 31, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 315, 1/27/2017; HB 318, 1/27/2017; HJ 7, 1/27/2017

HEARING ON HB 315**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:47 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 315, Revising laws related to nonresident relative hunting and fishing licenses.

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:46 Tom Hauptman, Self

00:12:11 Dave Hauptman, Self

00:13:43 Joe Balyeat, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a05\)](#)

00:16:14 Rep. Z. Brown joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:15 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:27:51 Hank Warsech, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a07\)](#)

00:30:42 Ed Beall, Self

00:37:17 Jerry Davis, Montana Bow Hunters (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:55 Rep. Loge

00:40:17 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:40:22 Rep. Loge

00:41:01 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:41:46 Rep. Loge

00:42:11 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:42:25 Rep. Vinton

00:43:05 Rep. Essmann

00:43:27 Rep. Vinton

00:43:57 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:44:10 Rep. White

00:44:46 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:44:52 Rep. White

00:45:43 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:46:10 Rep. B. Brown

00:46:47 Rep. Essmann

00:47:54 Rep. B. Brown

00:48:04 Hank Warsech, FWP

00:48:13 Rep. Jacobson

00:48:54 Ed Beall, Self

00:49:38 Rep. Jacobson
00:50:13 Ed Beall, Self
00:52:45 Rep. Loge
00:53:13 Hank Worsech, FWP
00:53:28 Rep. Loge
00:53:46 Hank Worsech, FWP
00:54:12 Rep. Rosendale
00:54:44 Hank Worsech, FWP
00:55:23 Rep. Court
00:56:01 Hank Worsech, FWP
00:56:51 Rep. B. Brown
00:57:23 Joe Balyeat, Self
00:57:46 Rep. B. Brown
00:58:02 Joe Balyeat, Self
01:01:06 Chair Flynn
01:01:38 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:02:41 Chair Flynn
01:02:49 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:03:01 Chair Flynn
01:03:04 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:03:13 Chair Flynn
01:03:45 Rep. Essmann
01:04:20 Chair Flynn
01:04:53 Ed Beall, Self
01:05:56 Rep. Z. Brown
01:06:30 Ed Beall, Self
01:06:53 Rep. White
01:07:38 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:07:49 Rep. Loge
01:08:45 Hank Worsech, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:01 Rep. Essmann

01:11:26 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

HEARING ON HB 318

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:51 Rep. Steve Lavin (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 318, Revise nonresident college student big game combination license fee.

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:47 Chase Farrell, Self
01:20:08 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students (MAS)
01:21:27 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COM)
01:22:47 Alex Downs, Self
01:24:21 Brian Malone, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:25:40 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:27:39 Hank Worsech, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih22a09)

01:28:51 Ed Beall, Self
01:29:27 Jerry Davis, Montana Bow Hunters (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:30:18 Rep. Z. Brown
01:30:51 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:31:14 Rep. Z. Brown
01:31:34 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:32:20 Rep. Z. Brown
01:32:38 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:32:44 Rep. Z. Brown
01:33:06 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:33:28 Rep. White
01:34:10 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:34:21 Rep. Z. Brown
01:34:51 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:35:35 Rep. White
01:37:11 Ed Beall, Self
01:39:34 Rep. White
01:39:47 Ed Beall, Self
01:40:08 Hope Stockwell, LSD
01:40:49 Rep. Rosendale
01:41:26 Hank Worsech, FWP
01:41:42 Chair Flynn
01:42:10 Rep. Lavin

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:40 Rep. Lavin

01:45:18 Recessed
01:50:24 Reconvened

HEARING ON HJ 7**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:51:02 Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HJ 7, Interim study on economic impacts of outdoor recreation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:56:28 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)
01:57:11 Joe Unterreiner, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
01:59:39 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COM)
02:00:49 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

02:01:30 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

02:02:27 Paula Short, University of Montana (UM)

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih22a11\)](#)

02:04:26 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters

02:06:15 Dan Roger, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:07:30 Rep. Loge

02:08:19 Rep. Hill Smith

02:08:39 Rep. Loge

02:09:02 Ben Lamb, NWF

02:10:15 Rep. Shaw

02:10:47 Rep. Hill Smith

02:11:52 Rep. White

02:12:37 Rep. Hill Smith

02:13:14 Rep. White

02:14:28 Paula Short, UM

02:15:24 Rep. White

02:16:08 Rep. Hill Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:50 Rep. Hill Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:19:11

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih22aad.pdf](#))